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A True COPY OF THE ARTICLES AINST DR. BENTLEY,

Exhibited to the

Right Reverend Father in God,

JOHN,

LORD BISHOP of *ELY*,

By many of the Fellows of TRINITY College in *Cambridge*.

TOGETHER

With the College-Statute *de Amotione Magistri*, and several other Clauses of the College-Statutes, with references to the ARTICLES.

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ARTICLES *exhibited to the Right Reverend Father in God*, John, *Lord Biſhop of* Ely, *Viſitor of the College of the Holy and Undivided* Trinity, *in the Town and Univerſity of* Cambridge, *of King* Henry *the* VIII's *Foundation*, *againſt* Richard Bentley, *Doctor in Divinity*, *now Maſter of the ſaid College*; *upon the fortieth Chapter of the ſaid College-Statutes*; *entitled*, De Magiſtri (ſi res exigat) Amotione; *more particularly*, *upon the latter Branch of the ſaid Statute*, *beginning*, Porrò ſi dictus Magiſter, &c. *Concerning which Articles*, *the Vice-Maſter and many of the Fellows of the ſame*, *eſpecially thoſe who ſubſcribed the late Petition and Complaint to the ſaid Biſhop*, *in behalf of themſelves and other Members of the ſaid College*;

desire that the said Dr. Bently *may be examined before the said Bishop, and (saving to themselves all Benefit of Replication or Exception to any Answer that the said Doctor* Bently *shall make, or adding new Articles as occasion shall require) they desire that they may be admitted to prove the same, and that the said Bishop will in due time declare him convicted thereof or of as many of them as to him in his Judgment shall seem meet and that they may have such Sentence and Execution against the said* Richard Bently, *as is agreeable to Justice, and the said Statute, & other Statutes of the said College.*

I.

WHY did you demand and take of the said College Officers or some or one of them, and waste or apply to your own Use, several Sums of the said College-Money, which were payable before you were sworn Master; and therefore could not be due to you

you, ſince by the College-Statutes, (*cap.* 2.) which you are ſworn to obſerve, you are not entitled to any Profits of the Maſterſhip, but from ſuch time only as you have taken the Oath appointed by the ſaid Statutes?

II.

Why did you demand of the ſaid College, or ſome or one of their Officers, 20 *l.* for the *Pandoxator*'s Dividend, 150 *l.* for the other Dividend, which as well by the Uſage of the ſaid College, as by all Right and Reaſon, were due to the former Maſter? **And when** he, to compromiſe the Matter, with your Conſent gave it to the ſaid College, **why** did you afterwards take, waſte and embezle the ſaid Money, and never laid it out for the Uſes, for which it was given?

III.

When your Lodgings in the College were very good, and ſerved two Noblemen your Predeceſſors, **why** did you upon falſe Suggeſtions prevail with the Senior Fellows of the ſaid College, to conſent with you to the waſting and expending any College-Money, in vainly beautifying and adorning the ſame? **Why** did you do the ſame to the Damage and Detriment of the ſaid College, and waſting

their

their Goods and Revenues, since the College-Statutes do not oblige the College to be at any Charge in doing thereof?

IV.

After you had proposed to the Senior Fellows of the said College, and assured them, that the beautifying and adorning the said Lodgings would cost but 300 *l.* whereof you would contribute 100 *l. de proprio*, upon which Considerations only they consented; **why** did you fraudulently and deceitfully draw up the Order or Conclusion concerning the same in general Terms, expressing that you would contribute 100 *l. de proprio*, or to that Effect, without mentioning that the said College should expend but 200 *l.* and then procur'd them to set their Hands to the said Order in an unusual manner; and afterwards by Colour of the same demanded, and by violent and unworthy Methods exacted of the said College, and afterwards took and wasted 1500 *l.* or some other great Sum or Sums of the said College-Money thereupon? **And when** they often refused to pay the same, **why** did you audaciously threaten them not only with Resentment from the Crown and Court, but that the Workmen should bring Actions at Law against them for the Money so expended?

V.

V.

When even by the ſaid Order or Concluſion, only convenient Improvements ought to be made in your ſaid Lodge, **why** did you, according to your own extravagant Fancy, cauſe between 30 or 40, or ſome other great Number of Sash-Windows to be made in the ſame, which was not only an exceſſive Charge to the ſaid College, and a waſting of their Money and Goods, but beſides broke the Uniformity of the reſt of the Quadrangle, contrary to a former Order or Concluſion?

VI.

Why did you according to your own Will and Pleaſure, cauſe ſo many and ſo large Rooms to be wainſcotted in your ſaid Lodge, which could be only deſigned to entertain Boarders therein for your private Gain, and make many other coſtly and needleſs Alterations and Additions, and that without the Advice, Conſent or Direction of the Senior Fellows, or the Burſars, or either of them, as the ſaid College-Statutes require?

VII.

Why did you take divers and great Sums of the ſaid College-Money into your Hands,

Hands, on pretence of paying the Workmen in the ſaid Lodge, or other Pretences, and did not duly pay them the ſame, or never gave an Account thereof to the ſaid College, or their proper Officer or Officers, or to the Senior Fellows; but miſapply'd, waſted or embezled the ſaid Money, or great part thereof?

VIII.

Why did you not lay out 270 *l.* upon Furniture of your ſaid Lodge, and enter an Inventory of that with the old Furniture in the Junior Burſar's Books, according to an Order or Concluſion made about 5 or 6 Years ſince by your ſelf, and the then Senior Fellows; but, on the contrary, waſte and embezle, or convert the ſame to your own Uſe, and claim it as your own?

IX.

After you was ſworn and admitted Maſter, why did you marry, and bring your Wife into the College there to reſide and inhabit, when by the ſaid College Statutes, which you are ſworn to obſerve, if the Maſter marries, immediately after it is certainly known, *Collegium penitus deſeritur*; and by the Univerſity-Charter and Statutes, confirm'd by Act of Parliament

ment; you are forbid to bring your Wife, or any Woman into College, upon pain of forfeiting your Maſterſhip?

X.

Why have you for many Years laſt paſt, waſted the College Bread, Ale, Beer, Coals, Wood, Turfe, Sedge, Charcoal, Linnen, Pewter, Corn, Flower, Brawn, and Bran, *viz.* 40000 Penny Loaves, 60000 Half-penny Loaves, 14000 Gallons of Ale, 20000 Gallons of Beer, 600 Chaldron of Coals, 60000 Billets of Wood, 1000 Hundreds of Turf, 100 Load of Sedge, 500 Buſhel of Charcoal, 100 Ells of Holland, 400 Ells of Diaper, and other Linnen, 5000 Ounces of Pewter, 200 Buſhels of Corn, 400 Buſhels of Flower, 300 Buſhels of Bran, and other Goods, to the value of 3000 *l.* or ſome other great Sum; in expending the ſame, not only upon your ſelf, but upon your Wife, Children, and Boarders; and that in a very extravagant manner, by cauſing your Servants to make whole Meals upon the ſaid College Bread and Beer only; you not allowing them either Fleſh, Cheeſe, or Butter with the ſame, and by many other ways?

XI.

Why did you, without any Authority, take into the ſaid Lodge, or appropriate to your own Uſe, a great deal of room never before uſed with it, particularly one Room, which was formerly uſed for acting of Comedies; which the Lecturers of the College, are by the Statutes obliged to make againſt *Chriſtmas*, beſides other Rooms?

XII.

When by falſe and baſe Practices, as by threatning to bring Letters from Court, Viſitations, and the like; and at other times, by boaſting of your great Intereſt and Acquaintance, and that you were the Genius of the Age, and what great things you would do for the College in general, and every Member of it in particular, and promiſing that you would for the future live peaceably with them, and never make any farther Demands, you had prevailed with the Senior Fellows to allow you ſeveral hundred Pounds for your Lodge, more than they firſt intended or agreed for, to the great Diſſatisfaction of the College, and the wonder of the whole Univerſity, and all that heard of it: **Why** did you the very next Year, about that

that time, merely for your own Vanity, require them to build you a new Stair-caſe in your Lodge? **And when** they (conſidering how much you had extorted from them before, which you had never accounted for) did for good reaſon deny to do it; **Why** did you of your own Head pull down a good Stair-caſe in your Lodge, and give Orders and Directions for building a new one, and that too fine for common Uſe? **And whereas** the Work in the beginning, was ſo much againſt the Conſent of the Seniors, that the proper Officer, the Burſar, forbad the Workmen to go on with it; **Why** did you in plain Contempt of the ſaid Seniors, and in direct Violation of the ſaid College Statutes, and waſting their Goods, cauſe the ſame by your own ſole Authority to be continued, and the ſaid Stair-caſe to be finiſh'd, at the Expence of 300 *l.* or thereabouts? Which Sum you ſoon after demanded, and took of the ſaid College, or ſome or one of their Officers.

XIII.

When the ſaid Seniors judged the aforeſaid Demand of 300 *l.* on the College ſo unreaſonable, that they ſeveral times refuſed to comply with it; **Why** did you uſe baſe and unworthy Methods, to ex-

tort their Conſent to the Payment of it? Particularly when Mr. *Hanbury*, the late Dr. *Creſſar*, Mr. *Drury*, and Dr. *Hutchinſon*, or ſome or one of them had performed all the ſtatutable Exerciſes required for their Election and Admiſſion into the place of College Preacher, and did frequently ſolicit you for your Conſent to their Election and Admiſſion; **Why** did you, without any colourable or ſtatutable Objection againſt them, refuſe for many Months to elect and admit them, or either of them; threatning in plain terms you would never part with your Club (meaning your Power of electing and admitting) unleſs they would uſe their Intereſt with the Seniors, to gain their Conſent to the Payment of the Money for the ſaid Staircaſe, and unleſs ſuch of them as might be accidentally of the Seniority would promiſe to vote accordingly; which Refuſal was a Violation of the College Statutes, in refuſing to put them in Execution, but according to your own Intereſt?

XIV.

Why did you for ſome Years laſt paſt, and do ſtill continue to violate the ſaid College Statutes, by diſtributing College Chambers, not according to their Direction? **And why** have you taken, and

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do yet continue to take Money or Rent for ſeveral College Chambers to your own uſe, while ſeveral of the Fellows at the ſame time have no Chambers at all belonging to their Fellowſhips? **And why** did you diſplace or turn ſeveral out of their Chambers by your own Authority, without their Conſent? **And** claim a Right to take away any Fellow's Chamber, if he went out of Town?

XV.

Why do you alſo violate the ſaid College Statutes, in not obſerving their Directions in the Choice of Lecturers and Officers, and by colour of falſe Interpretations made by your ſelf, with the forced Conſent of the Senior Fellows, wholly exclude thoſe above the ſtanding of Bachelors of Divinity, from being either Junior Burſar, or Steward? **And why** have you not made the Elections of the ſaid College Lecturers and Officers freely, *per aperta Scrutinia*, according to the ſaid Statutes, and a particular Oath which ought to be taken by you to that purpoſe, but have dictated or nominated to the ſaid Lectureſhips or Offices your ſelf, chiefly diſpoſing of them among Fellows of your own chooſing, and took upon you by your ſole Authority, to appoint or allow Deputies

puties or not, and such as you alone thought fit?

XVI.

Why did you by your sole Authority, cause Mr. *Eden*, Fellow of the said College, to be put out of Commons, and also set a Fine of 10 *s.* upon his Head, and otherwise abuse him by scurrilous Words, contrary to the College Statutes? When there appeared no other Cause for it, but his refusing to pay a Bill for your Lodge, which if he had done, it would have been a Breach of Statute, and contrary to the Duty of his Office?

XVII.

When the sole Power of punishing any, though the lowest Member of the College, is not by Statute lodged in you, without the Consent of others; **Why** did you, without such Consent, punish Mr. *Brabourn*, Fellow of the said College, by putting him out of Commons, rusticating him, and otherwise injuring and abusing him?

XVIII.

Why did you without the same Consent, put Mr. *Stubbs*, another Fellow of the

the ſaid College, out of Commons, ruſticate, or otherwiſe puniſh him?

XIX.

Why did you alſo without any Authority, diſgrace and puniſh Mr. *Burwell*, another Fellow of the College, by cauſing his Name on the Buttery Tables to be cover'd?

XX.

Why were the ſeveral Puniſhments, Diſgraces and Injuries, impoſed on theſe and ſeveral other Fellows, and many Scholars, during your Maſterſhip, without any hearing, ſtatutable Conviction or Authority; and that in an inſolent manner, by ſaying, *Hic eſt ludus jocuſque*, you were not warm yet, or to that Effect?

XXI.

Why did you in farther Violation of the ſaid College Statutes, expel Mr. *Brevall* and Mr. *Wyvill*, late Fellows of the ſaid College, contrary to the ſaid Statutes and common Juſtice, without Summons, Hearing, or Proof of any Crime againſt them; and without the Conſent of the Senior Fellows, or any of them; and afterwards falſely, and in their Abſence, with your own Hand, enter an Order or Concluſion in the College Book, or Books, im-

importing their Conſent; which Order & Concluſion, was never, till very lately, ſeen or read by them?

XXII.

Why did you, in Violation alſo of the ſaid College Statutes, expel (as much as in you lay) Mr. *Miller*, another Fellow of the ſaid College, contrary to the Conſent of the ſaid Senior Fellows, on pretence that he ought to be Doctor of Phyſick? **And when** he appealed according to the ſaid Statutes, to the Vice-Maſter, and the reſt of the Seniors, and duly ſummon'd you to appear before them; **Why** did you refuſe to do it? And alſo to obey their Order, which they made for replacing his Name on the Buttery Board, which you had unſtatutably cauſed to be cut off? **And why** did you cauſe his Name ſeveral times to be cut off from the ſaid Board, as well before, as after you knew there was a Petition and Complaint lodg'd againſt you, before the Biſhop of *Ely*, in relation to that and other Violations of the ſaid College Statutes?

XXIII.

Why did you cauſe the College or Founder's Prayers, which were conſtantly uſed in the times of the former Maſters, to

to be for ſome Years laſt paſt omitted, contrary to the College Statutes? (*Cap.* 16.) **And why** did you by your own Authority, alter the Form or uſual Manner of Reading or Chanting the Common-Prayers or Liturgy, in the ſaid College-Chapel on Surplice Days?

XXIV.

Why did you waſte fourſcore Pounds, or ſome other great Sum or Sums of College Money, and other College Goods, in cauſing a Laboratory to be made in the ſaid College, and that without the Conſent of the Senior Fellows, which is required by the ſaid College Statutes?

XXV.

Why did you in farther violation of the ſaid College Statutes, expel Mr. *Tompſon*, one of the Scholars of the ſaid College, or cauſe his Name to be cut out of the Butteries, no Crime being alledged againſt him, and without the Conſent of the Senior Fellows, and refuſe to reſtore him again when required?

XXVI.

Why did you, in violation of the ſaid College Statutes, by your own Authority, expel Mr. *Hanſon*, the Subſizer or

Scholar, without Summons, Hearing or Proof, and without Consent of the Senior Fellows, and for a Crime which does not, without previous Admonitions, require expulsion by the Statutes?

XXVII.

Why did you for several Years last past, cause many of the Scholars to be expelled or cut out of the Butteries, not allowing them the Profits of their Scholarship, so long as usual or statutable, and that without the Consent, and contrary to the Advice of the Senior Fellows?

XXVIII.

Why did you waste great Sums of the said College Money in buying a new Organ, and making great and unnecessary Alterations in the College Chapel, without the Consent, and contrary to the Advice of the Senior Fellows, and at an unseasonable time, when the Price of Corn was low, and the College poor? **And** to involve them into greater Necessities, **why** did you cause them to borrow Money at Interest to carry on the said Work, and lend them 1000 *l.* your self, and that contrary to the College Statutes concerning Usury?

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Why did you violate the ſaid College Statutes, by putting them in execution (and at other times threatning to do ſo) in a partial manner, according to your own Will and Pleaſure, or Intereſt, in many Inſtances, and particularly relating to the Subſcriptions to the Chapel; as to which you threatned, or cauſed ſeveral to be threatned with Expulſion, if they refuſed to ſubſcribe, though you did it not to others in the ſame Caſe? **And why** did you inſolently call ſome of the Statutes, your ruſty Sword, which you would draw only upon Occaſion? And others your Club, which you would uſe as you thought fit, or to that effect?

XXX.

Why did you waſte great Quantities, *viz.* ten thouſand Quarters of College Malt, and five hundred Chaldron of Coals, and other Goods and Utenſils of the ſaid College, by cauſing the ſaid Malt, Goods and Utenſils to be taken away from the College Brewer or Brewers, and delivered to one of your own appointing, without the Conſent of the Senior Fellows; when the College had uſed their own Brewers for the ſpace of One hundred Years before, or

ſome other great number of Years? **And why** did you arbitrarily turn out the College Brewer or Brewers out of his or their Offices?

XXXI.

Why did you waſte ten thouſand Quarters of College Wheat, by cauſing them to be taken away from the College Bakers, and delivered to another Baker of your own appointing, without the Conſent of the Seniors; when the College had kept Bakers for their own Uſe for a hundred Years, or ſome other great number of Years before? **And why** did you arbitrarily turn the ſaid College Bakers out of their Offices?

XXXII.

Why did you uſe ſcurrilous Words and Language to ſeveral of the Fellows, particularly by calling Mr. *Eden* an Aſs, and Mr. *Raſhly* the College Dog, and by telling Mr. *Cock* he would die in his Shoes, and calling many others Fools and Sots, and other ſcurrilous Names; and alſo uſe ſeveral other Expreſſions contrary to the 20th Chapter of the ſaid College Statutes, as *Farewel Peace to* Trinity *College*, and many others of the like nature?

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Why did you prophanely and blaſphemouſly uſe and apply ſeveral Expreſſions in Scripture? *As he that honours me, I will honour. I ſet Life or Death before you, chooſe you whether*, or to that effect?

XXXIV.

Why did you impoſe an unſtatutable and unequal Tax or Sum of Money upon all or moſt of the Members of the College, under pretence of contributing to an Organiſt, or ſome other unjuſtifiable Pretence?

XXXV.

Why did you violate the College Statutes, by ordering Declamations to be immediately after Evening Prayer, and to be heard by the Audience indecently in their Surplices, when the ſaid Statutes expreſly appoint another time? **And why** did you order Suppers and Fleſh in the Hall on *Friday* Nights, contrary to the Statutes? **And alſo** order Lectures to be at other times than the Statutes appoint?

XXXVI.

Why did you, by your own Authority, declare the Fellowſhip Chambers of Mr. *Haw-*

Mr. *Hawkins*, late one of the Senior Fellows void, and then promiſe his Fellowſhip to the late Dr. *Creſſar*, Mr. *Hanbury*, Mr. *Cooper*, or to ſome or one of them in order to gain their compliance to your Projects then on foot?

XXXVII.

Why did you, contrary to the Conſent of the Senior Fellows, diſpoſe of part of the College Ground or Soil, to wit, a Garden Plot, adjoining or belonging to the *Biſhop*'s *Hoſtel*, and before uſed by the College Cook? **And why** did you claim a Right to the ſame by ſaying, you were Lord of the Soil?

XXXVIII.

Why did you chooſe and admit ſome to be Fellows and Scholars, contrary to the direction of the Statutes?

XXXIX.

Why did you not leave with, or deliver to the Vice-Maſter the Concluſion Book, and other College Books, and the Keys of the Treaſury, as the College Statutes require, when you went out of College ſeveral times?

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Why did you not cause the Benefactors be commemorated, as the College Statutes appoint?

XLI.

Why did you deceitfully prevail with the Seniority to consent to take away the first, usual and known Perquisites from several College Offices, on pretence that you would buy Livings or Advowsons for the College with the Money; but afterwards told them they were the worst Benefactions could be given to the College, or to that effect?

XLII.

Why did you Command or Order many of the Bachelors and Scholars of the said College, not to stay and hear Grace in the Hall after Dinner and Supper? **And when** many of them went out of the Hall without hearing Grace, **why** would you not permit, or suffer the statutable Punishment to be inflicted on them for so doing?

XLIII.

Why did you by violent, unworthy and unstatutable Methods take away the Pandoxator's

doxator's Dividend? and alſo endeavou to invade the Properties of many of th Fellows of the ſaid College, by attemp ting (and that in a partial manner) to al ter the Proportions of their Dividends o Dues, whereby they are maintain'd, which have continued for the ſpace of 50 o ſome other great number of Years; and in all probability were ſettled and eſta bliſhed by a Viſitatorial Power, or ſome other lawful Authority, and that with a view of Profit to your ſelf, contrary to the Statute and your Duty as Maſter?

XLIV.

Why did you alſo by violent, unwor thy and unſtatutable Methods, endeavour to waſte and gain great part of the ſaid College Revenues to your ſelf and your own uſe, to the Value of One thouſand Pounds a Year, or ſome other great Va lue, and that under the name of a Com poſition; wherein was contained very ex ceſſive, unuſual, and unſtatutable Demands of ſeveral things to which you was not entitled by Statute, or otherwiſe?

XLV.

Why did you contumaciouſly and con temptuouſly refuſe to obey the Order or Orders of your Viſitor, by not delivering

up the ſaid College-books, particularly thoſe relating to the Offices of the Bur-ſars, Pandoxator, and Steward of the ſaid College? And alſo other Books as you was ordered and required?

XLVI.

When by the College-Statutes all the Conducts or *Sacellani* ought to be *Preſby-teri* or Prieſts; why did you preſume to tell Mr. *Burrell* that was choſe Conduct or *Sacellanus*, and did not deſign to take Holy Orders, that it was no matter, for that you would diſpenſe with him for ſe-ven years, or to that effect?

XLVII.

Why did you endeavour to take away from the College, and apply to your own uſe the College Bowling-green and Sum-mer-houſe, and other convenient Houſes in or near the ſaid Bowling-green?

XLVIII.

Why did you endeavour to deprive the College of the Combination-room, which was made or beautified for their Uſe at the Charge of our great Benefactor Sir *Tho-mas Slater*, by the Conſent of the College?

XLIX.

Why did you, to cauſe Diſſention and Diviſions in the College, endeavour to procure many of the Junior Fellows to petition you againſt the Seniors in breach of the 20th Chapter of the ſaid College-Statutes?

L.

Why did you refuſe to admit Mr. *Cooper* Senior Fellow, when he was duly choſen by the Seniority according to the Statutes?

LI.

Why did you break your Oath which you took as Maſter? And alſo the Statute *De Officio Magiſtri* in ſeveral of the Articles above-mentioned? **And alſo** in many other Inſtances, in the Violation, falſe Interpretation, and partial Application of the Statutes ſince you were Maſter?

LII.

Why did you not, ſince you were made Maſter, duly read the *Common Prayer*, and ſubſcribe the Articles, as you are required by Act of Parliament?

LIII.

Why did you apply Money, which ought to be applied only for the Uſe of

the Library, towards buying Utenſils or Inſtruments for an Obſervatory, which you cauſed to be built in the ſaid College by your own Authority? **And** to do the ſame, **why** did you take away one of the Fellow's Chambers without and againſt his Conſent?

LIV.

Why did you by your own Authority puniſh and endeavour to untutor or take away the Pupils of Mr. *Paris*, one of the Fellows of the ſaid College, particularly by ſending to his Pupil Mr. *Roſe* Fellow-Commoner, and ordering him to take another Tutor, or leave the College?

We whoſe Names are here underwritten, **do** deſire that Dr. *Bentley*, our now Maſter, may be examined and otherwiſe proceeded againſt, upon theſe **Articles**, according to our College-Statutes; **In** order to be acquitted or convicted of the ſame, or ſo many thereof, as to the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the Right Reverend Father in God, *John* Lord Biſhop of *Ely*, ſhall ſeem meet.

The Names of thoſe that ſubſcribed theſe Articles, or the Petition.

Wolfran Stubbe, *D. D. Vice-Maſter.*
Patrick Cock, *Senior Fellow.*
George Modde, *Sen. Fellow.*
Ed. Bathurſt, *Sen. Fellow.*
Nat. Raſhleigh, *Senior Fellow.*
Thomas Smith, *D. D. Senior Fellow.*
John Cooper, *B. D.*
Nat. Hanbury, *B. D.*
John Laughton, *A. M.*
Stephen Creſſar, *D. D.*
Abraham Jordan, *M. A.*
William Drury, *M. A.*
Matt. Barwell, *M. A.*
John Colebatch, *D. D.*
Will. Ayloffe, *LL. D.*
Edm. Miller, *M. A.*
James Brabourne, *B. D.*
Lawr. Brodricke, *D. D.*
Ralph Welſtead, *M. A.*
Rich. Stokes, *M. A.*
William Wade, *M. A.*
Griffith Williams, *B. D.*
Samuel White, *A. M.*
Wil. Chamberlain, *M. A.*
Thomas Blomer, *M. A.*
J. Craiſter, *M. A.*
John Felton, *M. A.*
Coniers Middleton, *M. A.*
Thomas Pilgrim, *M. A.*
Edm. Stubbe, *M. A.*
Thomas Hill, *M. A.*
John Williams, *M. A.*
David Fleming, *M. A.*
Rob. Johnſon, *M. A.*
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CAP. XL.

De Magistri (si res exigat) Amotione.

QUoniam Capite gravi aliquo morbo laborante cætera corporis membra vehementer quoque vexari solent. Idcirco Statuimus & Ordinamus ut si Magister Collegii in suo Officio obeundo admodùm negligens & dissolutus repertus fuerit, aut de inhonestæ vitæ ratione, aut incontinentiæ suspectus fuerit, per Vice-Magistrum & reliquos septem Seniores, ut per majorem partem eorum (quorum conscientiam, quantum possumus in hâc re oneramus, sicut Domino Jesu rationem reddituri sunt) cum omni lenitate & modestiâ admoneatur: Quodsi hoc modo admonitus non se emendaverit, secundò similiter admoneatur. Sin autem neque tum quidem resipuerit, Vice-Magister & reliqui Seniores, vel major pars eorum rem omnem visitatori Episcopo Elienſi, qui pro

pro tempore fuerit, aperiant; qui eam d
ligenter cognoscat, & cum æquitate de
niat. Cujus Sententiæ Magistrum sin
ullâ appellatione omnino parere volumu
sub pœnâ loci sui in perpetuum amittend
Porro si dictus Magister coram præd
cto Visitatore aliquando *examinatus* v
de Hæreseos, vel Læsæ Majestatis cr
mine, vel de Simoniâ, Usurâ, Perjuri
coram judice commisso, Furto notabili, Ho
micidio voluntario, Incestu, Adulterio, Fo
nicatione, *Dilapidatione bonorum Collegi
vel Violatione Statutorum ejusdem, vel d
nique de alio quovis consimili Crimine n
tabili* coram prædicto Visitatore legitim
convictus fuerit, sine morâ per eunde
Visitatorem Officio Magistri privetur: n
que ullam ei appellationem, aut ullu
aliud juris remedium ei permittimus, a
cuncta quæ in hâc causâ tentaverit irri
esse volumus & decernimus ipso facto.

CAP. I.

Proportio seu distributio Collegii.

Art. 46. SINT viginti unus ad Sanctum Dei cu
tum piè & religiosè quotidiè in Co
legio exequendum, quorum quatuor sin
Presbyteri & appellantur Sacellani.

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CAP. II.

De Magistri Officio.

MAgister sit ita moribus & doctrinâ institutus, ut sicut honore cæteros antecellit, ità *eximiâ pietate*, & singulari rerum cognitione eos antecellere meritò existimetur. *Art.* 23, 33, 35, 42.

Res Collegii & Negotia ita administret, ut non suum sed commune solum Commodum quærere videatur. *Art.* 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 29, 30, 31, 36, 43, 44, 47.

Neque gratiæ in causis cognoscendis decernendisque neque ulli animi perturbationi pareat, sed æquitatem ut Ducem semper sequatur. *Art.* 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 50, 51, 54.

Magister antequam Collegii administrationem suscipiat, aut ullis Collegii negotiis se ingerat, in hanc formam in Sacello coram universo sociorum cœtu ejusdem Collegii, sine ulla tergiversatione jurabit. Quod quidem si recusaverit, eum nullo modo in Magistrum dicti Collegii admitti volumus. *Art.* 1, 2.

Ego R. B. Juro, & Deo teste promitto, ac spondeo me omnia Collegii Sacerdotia, Fundos, Prædia, Possessiones, Dominia, Reditus, Proventus, Jura, Libertates, Privilegia, omnia denique Bona sine imminutione aut vastatione, quantum in me situm erit con- *Art.* 51. *Art.* 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 47, 48, 54.

Art. 3,4,5, 6,7,10,12, 24,28,30, 31. conſervaturum: Statuta hujus Collegii in omnibus ſervaturum & eadem verè & ſincerè & omnia ſecundum ſenſum Grammaticalem interpretaturum. Omnes & ſingulos ſocios & Diſcipulos Penſionarios,

Art. 1,6,9, 13,14,15, 23,28,29, 34,35,39, 40,42,46, 50. Sizatores & Subſizatores, & cæteta Collegii Membra, ex iiſdem Statutis ac Legibus, ſine ulli generis aut conditionis,

Art. 13,14, 22,27,29, 35,38,50. aut perſonarum reſpectu, gratia, odiove

Art. 16,17, 18,19,20, 21,22,25, 26,27,54. recturum & defenſurum. Si munere Magiſtri vel ſponte abiero, vel jure & legitimè abdicatus fuero, me

Art. 13,15, 16,17,18, 19,22,29, 46,50,51, 54. omnia Collegii Bona, quæ in mea poteſtate cuſtodiáve ſunt aut eſſe debent, Vicemagiſtro, Decanis & Theſaurariis Collegii vel ſtatim (ſi id commodè fieri poterit) vel intra quindecim dies ſine controverſia, tergiverſatione, aut aliquâ eorundem diminutione redditurum.

Nullam Litem Actionemve Collegio aut iis qui me legitime abdicârunt ea de causâ nunquam in poſterum intenturum.

Hæc omnia in me recipio, Deoq; teſte pro virili facturum polliceor, ſicut me Deus adjuvet, & hæc ſacroſancta Evangelia. Ubi hoc Sacramento obligatus ſit, deinceps ſedem in Choro Sacelli, Magiſtro deſignatam capeſſat.

Art. 1. 2. Ex eoque tempore plenum atque integrum jus Officii & muneris ſui, & omnia commoda fructus Magiſtro debita percipiat.

CAP. III.

De Seniorum Munere, & Officio.

QUoniam in omnibus cauſis planè cognoſcendis ritéque dijudicandis prudenti conſilio opus eſt, imprimis idcirco ſtatuimus & volumus, ut octo viri & gravitate & prudentiâ præſtantes, qui Magiſtro in Collegii cauſis tractandis, decidendiſque ſubſidio ſint, tanquam Conſiliarii adjungantur; hique vocentur Seniores. Hique tum propter authoritatem, tum propter gravitatem & prudentiam, ſint quaſi Primarii & Principes in Republica viri quos cæteri omnes revereantur, & quorum Conſilium plurimi faciant. *Art.* 6. 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 36, 37, 53, 54. *Art.* 8.

CAP. IV.

De Vice-Magiſtri Officio.

VIce-Magiſter cùm alios omnes ordines tam Officiarios imprimis in Officio contineat, & ſi munere deſint, eorum nomina ad Magiſtrum deferat, qui ſuo & majoris partis octo Seniorum arbitratu eos puniat, niſi pœna pro eo- *Art.* 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 51, 54.

dem crimine expreſsè in Statutis menti fiat.

CAP. VI.

De Theſaurariorum Officio.

QUoniam in tali corpore neceſſarium eſt, ut ſint aliqui qui rem familiarem ſedulo curent, idcirco ſtatuimus & ordinamus ut ſint duo Theſaurarii.

Art. 30, 31: Ut ſalubris cibus & potio ſit curent omnia ad uſum Collegii neceſſaria de Ma-
Art. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 28, 53. giſtri & octo Seniorum Sententiâ & Authoritate preparent, ruinoſa ut reficiantur, utque omnia ſarta tectaque ſint videant.

Art. 15. Numquam vero vel Doctor vel Bachalaureus Theologiæ ad junioris Theſaurarii Officium eligatur.

Porro cautum eſto, ne Collegio utetque Theſaurariorum ſimul abſit, niſi Magiſtri aut Vice-Magiſtri, *& majoris partis octo Seniorum judicio commodum videatur.*

Art. 5, 6, 7, 12, 24, 28, 53. Senior rerum externarum quoad poterit, junior autem domeſticarum & familiarium curam gerat.

Art. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 24, 28, 53. Statuimus denique ut nihil vel intra Collegium, vel extra, aut extruendum aut reficiendum curent, niſi de Magiſtri

aut

ut eo abſente Vice-Magiſtri & majoris artis octo ſeniorum ſententiâ. Quodſi ecerint, ipſi per Magiſtrum, & majorem artem octo Seniorum pro eodem ſolvere ogantur.

CAP. VII.

De Seneſchalli Officio.

QUO meliùs rei familiari ac domeſticæ proſpiciatur, ſtatuimus & ordinamus, ut ſit unus Sociorum Magiſtrorum (Bacchalaureos & Doctores Theologiæ *Art.* 14. leutiquam hoc munus ſuſcipere permittimus) Qui cùm Mancipio ad Macellum at, Eſculenta emenda curet, Coquos & Promos in Officio contineat.

Ad finem cujuſque quarti totius anni *Art.* 15. Coquis rationem expoſcat, de Patinis, Lancibus, Acetabulis, & cæteris vaſibus d Culinam ſpectantibus.

CAP. VIII.

De Concionatorum Officio.

STatuimus & Ordinamus ut ſint Con- *Art.* 13. cionatores numero, ſi commodè fieri otest, duodecim; aut ſi paucitas idoneo-

rum ita compulerit, ad minimum octo

Art. 13. Ac quo illis meliùs ac liberiùs provideatur, potestas sit unius vel probendæ vel Sacerdotii, ad summam triginta librarum ultra Salarium Curati, & cæteri Regi, vel Episcopo debita, unà cum Sodalitio suo in Collegio, omnibusque ejusdem fructibus retinendi.

CAP. XI.

De Officiariorum, Lectorum, Seniorum Concionatorumque, Electione.

Art. 13. SIT hic modus electionis cui quidem Magistrum, nisi gravissima causa impeditum, omnino interesse volumus, Magister pulsatâ Campanâ & convocatis in Sacellum octo Senioribus, horâ octavâ primùm Statutum hoc, sive legem coram illis legat, deinde jusjurandum det, se neminem ad aliquod Officium gerendum gratiâ, odio, ullâve animi perturbatione vel præmio adductum, sed eum solum quem testimonio conscientiæ permotus maximè idoneum, ad illud munus sub eundum judicaverit, Electurum.

Atque in Suffragiis ferendis is pro Electo habeatur, quem Magister cum quatuor ad minimum ex octo Senioribus du-

xeri

xerit eligendum. Sin autem omnes octo Seniores de uno eligendo conſenſerint, is etiam Magiſtro non conſentiente Electus habeatur. *Art.* 50.

In ſingulis Electionibus tam Officiariorum quam Lectorum, atque etiam Sociorum & Diſcipulorum, reliquorum Collegii Membrorum, ſit ſcrutinium ſemper apertum. *Art.* 15. Quod ſi poſt tria ſcrutinia aperta neque quatuor ex dictis Senioribus, cum Magiſtro, neque octo ſimul de uno co-optando conſenſerint, ſed ſint in plures partes diviſi, tum is pro Electo habeatur, quem ſolus Magiſter nominaverit.

Statuimus porro & decernimus, ut Seniorum Electio novem dies poſt locum vacantem ad ſummum fiat. Sitque ita horum eligendorum forma. Quum Senioris alicujus vacet locus, Magiſter, vel eo abſente, Vice-Magiſter convocatis in Sacellum (ut dictum eſt) illis Senioribus, qui reliqui ſunt, co-optet in eum cœtum Seniorum illum qui ſit proximè Senior, niſi gravis cauſa per Magiſtrum & majorem prædictorum Seniorum partem approbanda obſtiterit. *Art.* 50. Sin autem eâ de causâ minus idoneum cenſuerit, Socius Senior proximus ordine, ita eligatur, & ita deinceps,

Seniorem hoc loco intelligimus, qui ſit gradu Magiſter Artium, & Admiſſione Socius

Art. 14. cius Senior, quam Senioritatem nullo alio Scholastico Gradu unquam immutandam decernimus.

Art. 16. Postero die quo Electus fuerit, det coram Magistro, vel eo absente Vice-Magistro, & reliquiis octo Senioribus jusjurandum, se munus illud fideliter, & omnino secundum legem de eo sancitam, obiturum.

Art. 13. Statuimus item & volumus ut nemo in Concionatorem eligatur; qui non antea Catechismum Symboli Apostolici, Orationis Dominicæ, Decem Præceptorum, Baptismi Eucharistiæ, & Potestatis Clavium explicationem domi his qui in Collegio sunt docuerit, hoc ut commodiùs fiat, quinque aut sex Socii assignentur, qui hoc legendi munus singulis quibuscunque Dominicis & Festis diebus horâ tertiâ post meridiem exequantur, ut in Concionatoris locum vacuum, unus ex his eligatur, qui universum hunc cursum docendi compleverit. Statuimus ergo & volumus ut

Art. 13. dum Concionatoris locus vacet, *intra viginti dies ad summum* Magister similiter, vel eo absente, Vice-Magister, cum octo Senioribus in Sacellum coactis, consideret diligenter quis Presbyter ex numero Sociorum in Collegio sit, tum propter gravitatem ac virtutem, tum propter solidam & famam doctrinam, ad hoc Officium maxi-

mè

mè idoneus, & qui Catechiſmum (ut præfertur) docuerit, atque ei de ſententiâ majoris partis octo Seniorum mandatum det, ut intra quatuordecim dies Concionem die Dominico, vel die Feſto, ſi quis intra hoſce dies inciderit, poſt preces matutinas privatim nullâ pulſatâ Campanâ coram toto Seniorum ac Diſcipulorum cœtu habeat: Qua per Magiſtrum vel Vice-Magiſtrum & quatuor ex octo Senioribus approbatâ, in Concionatorum munus cooptetur.

Quod ſi hoc munus recipere recuſaverit a Collegio amoveatur.

Verùm ſi in hoc Collegio *nemo (quod Deus prohibeat) reperiatur*, qui ad hoc munus idoneus, tum Magiſter cum octo Senioribus ex aliorum in Oppido Collegiorum Sociis deſpiciant, qui jam ſunt, ut qui fuerint Socii, & quem aliquando concionantem audiverint, idoneumque judicaverint, eumque majore eorum parte, ut quatuor ad minimum cum Magiſtro conſentientibus, in hunc locum co-optent. *Art.* 13.

CAP. XVI.

De Cultu Dei.

PUblicæ precationes hæ ſint, ſingulis Feſtis diebus matutinæ & verſpertinæ *Art.* 23.

Preces,

Preces, Supplicationes, Communiones, a Magistro, Sociis & Discipulis, Pensionariis, Sizatoribus, Subsizatoribus, piè in Sacello decantentur: ab his nullum horum absit.

Art. 23. Singulis diebus quibus non tractatur locus communis post preces matutinas tres Psalmi cum precationibus sequentibus piè dicentur.

CAP. XVII.

De Gratiis agendis, de Fundatoris aliorumque Benefactorum Commendatione, & legendo Biblia.

Art. 42. SI quispiam Sociorum vel Discipulorum, vel Pensionariorum a mensâ ante Gratias actas discedat, nisi petita à Magistro, vel eo qui primarium locum tenet facultate, Prandii vel Cœnæ precio a Decano Seniore, si adsit, vel Juniore cum abfuerit, mulctetur.

Art. 40. Ad cujusque termini finem commendatio fiat in Sacello nobilissimi Regis Henrici octavi Fundatoris tam ampli Collegii & Reginæ Mariæ aliorumque clarorum virorum quorum beneficentia Collegium locupletatur. Ejus hæc sit forma, &c.

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CAP. XVIII.

De publicis Sociorum & Discipulorum exercitationibus Scholasticis & de Sermone Latino.

SI opponens suas vices omiserit, viginti denariis, duo autem Disputatores, sivè Replicatores, si munus suum non præstiterit duodecim denariis singuli mulctentur.

Quod si quis eâ de Causâ sæpiùs mulctetur, tum *judicio Magistri & octo Seniorum puniatur* gravius. *Art.* 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 54.

Habeantur Declamationes more ac modo a Quintiliano præscripto.

Sint semper qui de aliquo præclaro Themate in hoc discendi genere unoquoque Sabbato *post cænam* in Sacello disceptent. *Art.* 39.

CAP. XIX.

De tempore assumendi gradus Scholasticos & sacros Ordines.

STatuimus quod singuli Socii sint semper juxta ordinem Admissionis suæ in Sociorum numerum vel Seniores vel Juniores, & eam senioritatem sine ullâ mutatione teneant, exceptis Concionatoribus & Doctoribus. *Art.* 14.

CAP. XX.

De Modeſtia & morum honeſtate colenda.

STatuimus & Ordinamus, ut inferiores omnes erga ſuperiores ſubmiſsè ac reverenter gerant.

Si ſolus in oppidum iviſſe comperietur, primo tempore commeatu unius hebdomadæ, ſecundo duarum, tertio menſis, quarto *Art.* 21, 22, 25, 26, 27. *conſenſu Magiſtri & majoris partis octo ſeniorum* à Collegio amoveatur.

Nemo Sociorum vel Diſcipulorum vel reliquorum in Collegio vitam degentium *Art.* 26. ædes ſuſpectas aut infames frequentet: Bis à Magiſtro admonitus ni abſtinuerit, Collegium *eo modo, quo ſupra dictum eſt* amittat. *Art.* 21, 22, 25, 26, 27.

Seditionis Domeſticæ, Detractionis, Diſſentionis, aut Rixæ Authores primo tempore commeatu menſtruo, ſecundo trimeſtri, tertio Collegio (*ut diximus*) expellantur. *Art.* 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

Lis vero inter Magiſtrum & Socium unum aut plures orta à Vice Magiſtro, & ſeptem reliquis Senioribus, & cognoſcatur & (ſi fieri poteſt) tranquilletur. Si intra triduum hoc fieri non poteſt ad Præpoſitum Collegii Regalis, Magiſtros Collegii Chriſti & divi Johannis aut illis abſentibus ad eorum Vicarios per duos Socios utrinque eligendos *Art.* 22.

gendos lis deferatur, & quod duo ex illis ſtatuerint id tantùm eſto; qui non paruerit, Collegio amoveatur.

Statuimus porrò mandemus & hortemur; ut Magiſter, Socii, Diſcipuli, & cæteri in Collegio degentes vitam, concordiam, pacem, unitatem & mutuam inter ſe charitatem, pro virili foveant & obſervent: Scurrilitatem, obſcœna verba, ſcommata, ſuſurra, probra, ſcandala, verbo vel facto omnino vitent. Quod ſi quiſpiam in his delinquerit *arbitrio Magiſtri & majoris partis octo Seniorum puniatur.* Art. 32.

CAP. XXV.

De vitanda peſte & aeris contagione.

SOcios idoneos *per Magiſtrum & Vice Magiſtrum & majorem partem octo Seniorum* approbandos in ſua loca ſubſtituant. Art. 15.

CAP. XXVIII.

De Sacerdotis, Prædiis, Agris, Fundis Collegii luſtrandis.

SI ita commodum *Magiſtro, & majori parti octo Seniorum* viſum fuerit.

A Socio qui concionetur, *à Magiſtro & majore parte octo Seniorum deſignato luſtrentur.*

CAP. XXXIII.

De Computo (quod vocant) faciendo.

SInguli nunquam plus pecuniæ præ manibus habeant, quam *Magister & major pars octo Seniorum* necessarium duxerint.

Auditor coram *Magistro & octo Senioribus* rationum summas particulatim exponat.

Generalis receptor rationem quoque omnium receptorum *coram Magistro & octo Senioribus* & Auditore reddat.

Thesaurarius & Senescallus, pro Sociorum commeatu *coram Magistro, aut eo absente, Vice-Magistro & octo Senioribus* rationem Expensorum & acceptorum reddant, quo Status Collegii melius cognoscatur.

CAP. XXXVII.

De Famulis Collegii.

Art. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 31, 54. SI aliquando deliquerint *istorum arbitrio* corrigi.

CAP. XXXVIII.

De pœna majorum Criminum.

Art. 21, 26. VEL hæc omnia prædicta Crimina, vel singula eorum admisisse, aut coram

am Magiſtro, aut ejus Vicario & octo enioribus conſeſſus fuerit, aut eorundem doneis teſtibus convictus, Magiſtri & najoris partis octo Seniorum conſenſu, ine ulla monitione Collegio omnino pri- etur.

Minorum autem Criminum pœna de ua in Statutis nulla fit mentio, judicio Magiſtri, aut ejus Vicarii, & octo Senio- um ſemper relinquatur. *Art.* 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 54.

CAP. XXXIX.

De Cauſis quibuſdam Collegii deſerendi in aliis Statutis non expreſſis.

STatuimus & Ordinamus ut ſi dicti Collegii vel Magiſter, vel Sociorum, Diſ- lorum, Penſionariorum, Sizatorum, Subſizatorum quiſpiam Matrimonium ontraxerit, immediatè ubi hoc Magiſtro, ut eo abſente Vice-Magiſtro, & octo Se- ioribus pro certo cognitum ſit, Collegi- um penitus amittat. *Art.* 9.

CAP.

CAP XLI.

De Officio trium Lectorum publicorum qui in Scholis Academiæ prælegunt, quorum unus Theologiam, alter linguam Hæbraicam, tertius Græcam docet.

SI quiſpiam eorum ægrotaverit, aut aliqui gravi cauſa, & negotio, *per Magiſtrum Collegii, & majorem partem octo Seniorum* approbanda impeditus fuerit.

CAP. XLII.

De Officio pauperum.

SI Factioſus ſit & hæreticus aut de hæreſi probabiliter ſuſpectus, aut in mis, aut aliquid crimen notabile admi ſi ſe *coram Magiſtro & octo Senioribus* legitimè repurgaverit, loco privetur

CAP. LXVI.

De Statutorum Lectione.

Art. 14, 15, 22, 25, 27, 34, 36, 37, 50, 51.

SI quid ambiguè in his Statutis reperiatur, id judicio Magiſtri & majoris partis octo Seniorum ſemper dirimatur. Quorum

decret[illegible]itis cæteros omnes in [illegible]ibus [illegible]emperare volumus.

a Letter from King James I. to the College.

[illegible]s we are given to underſtand, Art. 15.
[illegible]heretofore a corrupt Cuſtom [illegible]p[illegible]into that our College of turn-[illegible]ections into particular Nominations [illegible]the Maſter's and ſeveral Seniors, (which ſmells altogether of Partiality and Corruption) **We do ſtraitly will and require** you the ſaid Maſter of our College, [illegible]whom we conceive a very good Opi-[illegible]on, to ſee that hereafter all Elections as [illegible]of Scholars as of Fellows, be done [illegible]to the local Statutes of our Col-[illegible]carried about with that Plura-[illegible]oices therein required.

[illegible]ticles between the Lady Anne Bromley, and the College, dated Feb. 20. 17 Ja. 1.

THE ſaid Scholars to be placed or elected in or into the ſaid Scholarſhips, called the Lady *Bromley*'s Scholarſhips, ſhall and may ever hereafter, until they are or ought to be Maſters of Arts, have,

Art. 27. have, receive, take, [illegible]
pable of the ſame, [illegible]
nances, Allowances, Priv[illegible]
nences, Offices, and Preferm[illegible]
the ſaid College, to all Conſtr[illegible]
tents, or Purpoſes whatſoev[illegible]
Scholars of the ſaid Found[illegible]
may, might, or ought to hav[illegible]
by virtue of the ſaid Scholar[illegible]
are of the ſaid Foundation.

CAP. XIX.

De tempore aſſumendi gradus Sc[illegible] ſticos & Sacros Ordines.

Art. 15. BAcchalaurei qui ſunt Diſcip[illegible]
ante finem tertii anni p[illegible]
dum Bacchalaureatus ſuſceperint
electi fuerint intra ſex menſes p[illegible]
legio in perpetuum ejiciantur.

Art. 52. The Act of Uniformity.

Note, the Articles were exhibited in [illegible] of Interrogatories, by reaſon the [illegible] Examinatus *in the Statute, ca. [illegible] ſeem'd to direct that Form rather t[illegible] any other.*

FINIS.